

Mustangs Trample Claude, Improve '97 Record to 3-0

BY RON CARR

Sophomore running back Lucas Ramos has become a workhorse in the Mustang offensive attack this year.

Through three games, the Mustangs have outscored opponents 110-12. Lucas, playing his first year in Bovina after transferring from Sweetwater, has gained 240 yards on 41 carries and scored 24 points.

Against Claude, Ramos picked up 118 yards on 19 carries and scored twice. He has been a surprise weapon in Coach Bobby Ortiz's arsenal of surprises this season.

Manny Quintana gained 46 yards on 10 carries and scored on a 12-yard run in the first quarter.

Adding another score was senior receiver Luke Steelman who caught two passes on the night for 74 yards. One catch was a 41 yard strike from quarterback Tony Beauchamp. Steelman also had a two-point conversion reception.

On offense, the versatile Beauchamp had 15 rushes for 112 yards. Martin Reyna added 95 yards on 9 carries, while Quintana totaled 46 yards in 10 carries.

Beauchamp completed 5 out of 11 passes for 74 yards, one touchdown, and two 2-point conversions.

Martin Reyna caught 2 passes for 9 yards including one two-point conversion. Adan Perez had one reception good for 21 yards.

Team offense totaled 447 yards, 373 rushing and 74 passing. On defense, Bovina held Claude to 167 yards

rushing and 56 yards passing on 5 out of 14 attempts.

Through three games the Mustang defense has allowed only 511 yards, an average of 170 yards of offense allowed per game.

Scoring totals for the three games are Ramos-24, Steelman-22, Beauchamp-18, Perez-18, Reyna-8, Quintana-6, Rivera-6, Larrea-6, and Chisom-2.

Coach Ortiz and staff have utilized no less than nine different Mustangs who have carried the ball this year for a three-game total of 879 yards on the ground.

Add in the 291 passing yards and the BHS Mustangs are rolling with 1170 yards of total offense, a 390 yard average, good enough to put Bovina at the top of district 3-2A stats, trailing only powerhouse Lockney in offensive yards.

The Mustangs travel to Smyer tonight in what should be an easy test for Bovina. The Smyer Bobcats are winless and are in for a big surprise when the potent Mustangs gallop into town.

Group Sets Annual Meal

The Guadalupe's are hosting their annual Mexican dinner on September 28, 1997 at 11 a.m.-2 p.m. at St. Ann's Parish Hall in Bovina.

The price for an adult plate is \$4.50 and \$2.50 for children under six. Take-out plates are available for 25¢ extra.

DID ANYONE EVER THINK that many residents of our area would be hoping and wishing that the rain would quit, and we'd just have some good, warm weather?

With most of our farmers having received good rains during the growing season, which allowed those with

irrigation to turn off their wells for prolonged periods of time, most of the crops are looking about as good as they ever have looked in Parmer County.

Now, with another substantial acreage of cotton in the county, this crop always requires a lot of hot weather at this stage of development, and any additional moisture just halts the maturing process.

As of Wednesday, when this piece was being written, Mother Nature was smiling on the cotton farmers, to the tune of 94 degrees. May be close to a record September reading.

Some of us (even Ye Editor) aren't old enough to remember the last time our area received "more than enough" planting moisture in the month of April. At Friona, where I make the daily report to the National Weather Service, we measured 6.16 inches of rain in April. This came on eleven dates, but most of it, 4.39 came during the last week of the month.

Bovina did even better, with 7.21 inches, according to our Bovina "weather gal," Maggie Moore.

During the rest of 1997, Friona has been exceptionally lucky, as the official weather gauge had collected 21.23 inches as of September 17. Bovina, by comparison, had logged 12.10 inches.

Several times this summer, the town of Friona has gotten good rains when the adjacent farmland had hardly any. Those of us with lawns and gardens were appreciative, and it came on the heels of several summers when our city residents had to be put on a "watering schedule," in order to keep the city's water supply from becoming dangerously low.

Two new city wells were tied into the system prior to the summer season, but have hardly been tested.

Our dryland section of Parmer County, around the Rhea community, produced a much better than average wheat crop, and thanks to some timely rains, many of the dryland farmers will make a good maize crop. Here again, the rainfall amounts have varied from mile to mile, but it sure looks at this point like the combines will be busy for awhile during the harvest season.

Thank God! Literally. * * * *

The investigation of the deadly crash in Paris that took the life of Lady Diana and two other occupants of the vehicle has revealed that for a city of several million people, Paris' emergency medical response system wouldn't even approach those we have in Friona and Bovina, where most all of the EMS personnel are volunteer workers.

It was over 15 minutes before any emergency workers arrived at the scene in Paris, and they then spent another 30 minutes trying to stabilize Diana at the scene, rather than rushing her to the hospital.

The biggest shocker: Emergency crews in Paris don't even have a simple "jaws of life" machine, which have been used by our EMS crews for a number of years. When minutes and seconds count, the "jaws of life" often make the difference in a victim surviving or not.

Having seen the wrecked vehicle, the extrication of Diana from the vehicle under the circumstances may have been the fatal blow.

They have no equivalent of "911" in Paris! Does this blow your mind, or what? They have a police department, a fire department and ambulance service, but apparently they don't work together. If a potential resident came to our towns and learned what we've said here about Paris, they most likely would decide to go "on down the road," and you couldn't blame them.

Earlier this summer, we had occasion to use the "911" system in Friona. I had glanced at my watch, and the EMS crew drove up in just over five minutes. I thought at the time that this was fantastic, and now I know for sure.



HOMECOMING ROYALTY.....Marcie Guevara and Martin Reyna were crowned as Homecoming King and Queen last Friday preceding the game with Claude.

School Board Has Hearing On New Tax Rate Proposal

The Bovina ISD board of trustees met in regular session on Monday, September 8. Members present were Bob Owen, Joe Steelman, Estella Ortiz, Justin Brozek, Susan Kerby, Ricky Jamerson and Mike Beauchamp.

Minutes from the previous meeting were read and approved.

There was a public hearing on the tax rate proposal.

The principals gave their reports.

The board approved the amendment to the dress code. Those voting for were Owen, Beauchamp, Ortiz, Brozek, Jamerson and Kerby. Voting against was Steelman.

The board then approved the additions to the substitute teacher list. Those voting for were Owen, Beauchamp, Ortiz, Brozek, Jamerson and Kerby. Voting against was Steelman.

The board passed a motion to adopt the resolution to tax automobiles and a discussion was held on a band fund raising project. No action was taken.

The board passed a motion to approve bus bids. Voting for were Owen, Steelman, Beauchamp, Ortiz, Jamerson and Kerby. Voting against was Brozek.

After discussion, no action was taken on accessibility to stage.

A discussion was held on a local Alternative Education Program. No action was taken.

A discussion was held on a building project then Superintendent Nuttall gave her reports and the meeting was adjourned.



RACHEL NAVARRO Bovina junior Rachel Navarro was chosen as this week's student-of-the-week.

Teachers nominate and vote on the students each week.

Rachel was nominated by coach Daryl Hill as a great student, great kid, and always willing to help out.

She is also a member of the 1997-98 flag corps drill team.

Annual "First Freeze" Contest Begins Now

The Bovina Blade Freeze Contest is officially underway. To enter, list the day you think the Bovina area will receive its first freeze of the year.

Contestants are asked to include their name, phone number, the date of the submitted guess and the date of the freeze.

Entries can be dropped by the Bovina Blade office, mail to P.O. Drawer B, Bovina, Texas, 79009 or faxed to 806-247-2211.

There is no limit for entries, contestants can enter as many times as they wish.

If two or more people pick the same day for the freeze, the person that turned in their guess first, wins.

First prize will be \$10. Second prize will be the \$5.99 book of *Mommy's Little Angels*.

Hurry and make your freeze picks—there's no telling when the weather will change!



FLAG TEAM....Performing at the parent's night football game was the 1997 flag corps drill team. Front, l-r, Elia Marrufo, Brandie Munoz, and Rachel Navarro. Back, l-r, Lory Noriega, Vickie Ortiz, Melissa Cantu, and Monica Perez. (Photo by Anna Ortiz)

Corn Farmers Poised For Good Harvest Run

The corn harvest had gotten off to a fair start late last week, before the rains came and called a halt.

"We had received quite a bit of corn. Last Friday, September 19, was a good day. But we needed the rain. It was getting pretty dry. The moisture won't hurt the corn any. Most of it was too wet to cut anyway," said Harry Johnson, spokesman for Sherley Grain Co.

Johnson said that Gary Gober brought in the Bovina elevator's first load of corn on Saturday, September 13, and was paid the customary \$50 bonus for having the first load.

The early loads of corn indicated yields from 9500 to 13,000 pounds per acre, which would be an above-average crop.

Milo should turn out to be a good crop for the farmers planting the smaller-grain crop. The timely rains that the crop received has made it look exceptionally good.

"We could have the best milo crop we've had in a number of years. Even the dryland farmers in the Rhea community have some good maize. We hear that some of the dryland maize looks like irrigated," Johnson said.



IN THE MONEY...Jo Blackwell of Prairie Acres, won first place in the third week of the Bovina Business Football Contest.

Blackwell Gets Cash In Week Three Of Contest

Jo Blackwell, George L. Villarreal and Gilda Garner each correctly picked fourteen of sixteen games in the third week of the *Bovina Blade* business football contest.

The Bovina-Claude game of 29-6 was the deciding factor.

Blackwell, who won third place in Friona's contest, missed the Dalhart-West Texas High and Permian-Amarillo High games and was only nine points off the winning score. She received \$20.

Villarreal was eleven points off the winning score and he received ten dollars.

Garner was seventeen points different than the tie-breaker and received five dollars.

The eleventh entry game pick was listed as

Kansas City-Denver, but Denver played Cincinnati.

All contestants got a free extra point for this "oops."

The most missed games were Permian-Amarillo High, Auburn-LSU, Michigan-Notre Dame and Tampa Bay-Miami.

Five contestants picked thirteen games correctly. They were Martin Gonzales, Bobby Johnson, Jeanne Kerby, Glendon Sudderth and George J. Villarreal.

Topping the list for total scores for the entire contest are Cameron Charles, Jessica Stowers with thirty-seven points and Gilda Garner and Adam Mejia with thirty-six points.

A complete listing of all contestants' scores can be found elsewhere in this issue.



TEMPS DROPPING...Fall fell in on Bovina in a big way this past week with the time and temperature sign at the Bank reading 57 degrees for a high on Tuesday at one o'clock in the afternoon. At this rate, it won't be long before winter gets here. See details about the *Blade's* annual "First Freeze" contest above. (Photo By Becky London)



Scooter's Scoops

By SCOOTER RUSSELL

It has been an unusual week, weather wise, because we seldom ever see it rain in this country, day and night without stopping and last off and on for several days.

We usually get the big boomers with hard rain for maybe thirty minutes. Anyway, some of the farmers were happy about the rain and others not so happy, because of crops in the field.

NEWS AROUND TOWN...

Pat Turner came home from the Lubbock Methodist Hospital on Thursday of last week. She suffered three broken bones in her left ankle, not compound, as reported last week.

On Wednesday, the day before she came home, she fell in the hospital restroom and broke a rib and fractured three others on her right side. She said the pain was more severe than the broken foot, because they don't tape broken ribs like they used to.

Pat was to go back to Lubbock on Thursday of this week and have another cast put on her foot.

Rita Mast underwent corpal tunnel syndrome surgery on her right arm in the Clovis Hospital last week. She had the stitches out on Monday and was getting

along fine. She said it is just a nuisance now, more than painful.

Jim's mom, Mae Russell, of Hereford celebrated her 90th birthday with a surprise party for friends and family on Saturday.

Almost fifty people attended and her daughter, Carol, baked beautiful cakes that were served with punch, peach tea and coffee.

Three of her grandchildren flew in from out of state. Roger and Russ came from California and Melissa came from Georgia.

Our granddaughter Rene, and family came home with us from the party and spent the night with us.

Arnold and Amy Hromas, along with their son Brad and their daughter and son-in-law, Charlotte and Jerry Welborn of Hereford, have returned from a trip to Pagosa Springs, Colorado. They took a trailer and spent the weekend.

Amy said the colors had not changed yet, but it was so pretty and they had a nice time.

I visited on the telephone with Lola Hise, a former Bovina resident. She and husband, Earl, lived here several years ago and raised four children.

She taught school here and Earl farmed and led the singing at the First Baptist Church for quite some time.

Iola had back surgery at the Baptist/St. Anthony's Hospital in Amarillo. They are spending time in Friona with Iola's twin sister and husband, Iona and John R. Cook. She said she is getting along real well. They live at Kingsland, Texas which is east of Kerrville.

A.L. Nuttall has returned home recently from a trip to Denver, Colorado, where he visited with his brother, Bryon, who is ill.

A.L.'s son, Ronnie and his family are also in Denver, Colorado and he visited with them.

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We were unable to find out the man's name who was run over by a tractor at Caprock but did find out some information.

He is an employee of the Yogi packing company near Dalhart. He was riding on the tool bar when the tractor stopped unexpectedly, reversing direction and backed down the pit. He apparently fell from the hitch and the tires rolled over him. He was treated at the Clovis Hospital and was released after a few hours with no broken bones.

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Reflections

...from the files of The Bovina Blade

25 Yrs. Ago-Sept. 20, 1972 Several people were on hand at the annual community-wide watermelon feed Tuesday night of last week at Mustang Field. The event is personally hosted by members of the board of trustees of the school district as an occasion for members of the community to get acquainted with new teachers in the school system.

With a 1-1 record on the ledger after two clashes with Class AA teams, the Bovina Mustangs will take advantage of an open date this week to prepare for their first game against a Class A foe, Sanford-Fritch of District 1-A, and Head Coach Roger Ezell says, "Thank goodness."

Vici Stallings, freshman from Bovina, has pledged the Zeta Tau Alpha social sorority during the fall rush at West Texas State University.

20 Yrs. Ago-Sept. 21, 1977 High School Principal Wallace Price has provided the Blade with the details of the Homecoming week for Bovina High School, 1977-78. Queen candidates are Denise McCormick, Carol Griffin, Belinda Shelby, Annette Stevenson, Kim Naegle. King candidates are Ronnie Cary, Ruben Salazar, David Murphy, Gerald Shelby, Mike London.

Sparked by the running of Ruben Salazar, the Bovina Mustangs climbed to a 2-1 record Friday at Lazbuddie

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when they outsourced the Class B Longhorns; 12-7.

A community wide rummage sale will be held Saturday, Oct. 1, from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Sunday, Oct. 2, from 1:30 p.m. to 5 p.m. at the old Isaac's Department Store building on Main Street.

15 Yrs. Ago-Sept. 22, 1982 Homecoming activities at Bovina High School will be held in conjunction with Friday's game against Dexter, N.M. Queen candidates are Misti Boozer, Shauna Gober, Wendy Hall, Casey Riddle, Lisa Schilling, Teresa Shepherd, Ester Silva, and Patti Sherrill. King candidates are Andy Alexander, Joe Black, Mark Clayton, Dale Gilbreath, Jose Gomez, Jon Riddle Richard Shepherd, and Joe Pat Wright.

The Bovina Mustangs showed why they are the top-rated offensive team in Class AA on the South Plains, and also proved that they can play defense when it counts, in their breath-taking 18-14 win over the Morton Indians at Mustang Field last Friday night.

Sandra Johnson and the Bovina 4-H Club raised \$392.00 in the May drive benefiting the Mental Health Association in Texas, it was announced this week.

10 Yrs. Ago-Sept. 23, 1987 Javier and Maria Robledo of Bovina took a round trip bus tour to San Antonio to see Pope John Paul II. Rattlesnakes have been seen again this week in town and were discovered at the home of Donnie and Chris Brown at 704 Highway 86. The Bovina High School Mustangs scored a 27-0 win at Melrose last Friday. The win evened the team's season record at 1-1.

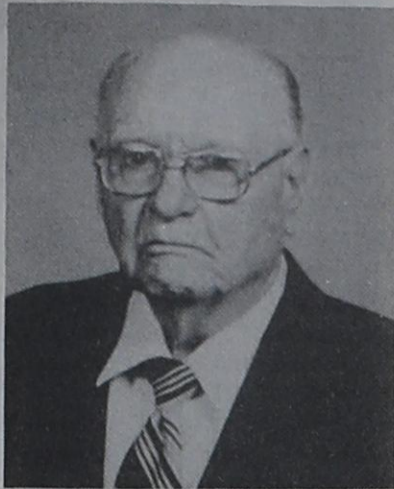
5 Yrs Ago-Sept. 26, 1992 Matt Howell of Tulia and Wayne Stormes of Bovina tied for first place in the football contest when they were the closest to the tie breaker score. They were two contestants of six who scored eleven correct, and missed the tie-breaker by six points.

Saturday Rites For Phipps

Funeral services for Charlie Phipps, 97, are set for Saturday, September 27, 1997 at 2 p.m. in the Primitive Baptist Church in Muleshoe with Elder Cleveland Bass officiating. Burial will follow at Muleshoe Memorial Park Cemetery under the direction of Ellis-Blackwell Funeral Home of Friona.

Charlie was born March 9, 1900 in Cottle County, Paducah, Texas and transcended this life on September 24, 1997, at his home in Friona. He was a longtime farmer/rancher, a pioneer in the Bailey County area.

He married Dora Bell Mayo, July 3, 1920 at Odell, Texas. They lived at Wellington and farmed there until 1925 then moved by



CHARLIE PHIPPS

wagon and mules to Bailey County. There they resided in the Stegall community thirty miles southwest of Muleshoe, until 1943 when

they moved two miles north of Muleshoe and in 1945 they moved to Parmer County, eight miles north of Friona. In 1953 Charlie turned the farming operation over to his sons and moved with his wife and two youngest daughters into Friona.

Mr. Phipps was a member of the Primitive Baptist Church where he had served as an Elder for many, many years. He also served many years as a school trustee at Stegall.

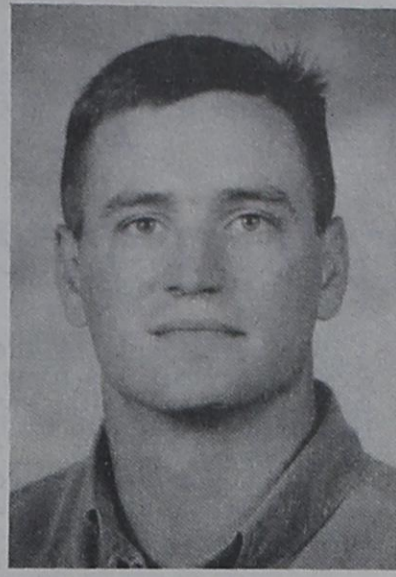
Survivors include three sons, E.G. Phipps and Virgil Phipps of Friona; and James Spurgeon Phipps of Cortez, Colorado; six daughters, Mildred Williams of Muleshoe; June Collier of Amarillo; Daisy Beversdorf of Bartlett; Geraldine Ferguson of Burleson; Mary Bandy of Panhandle; and Jane Houlette of Friona.

Also surviving are three brothers, Jerry Phipps of Muleshoe; J.D. Phipps of Earth; and Dudley Phipps of Wellington; one sister, Augusta Aaron of Pearland, Texas; thirty-five grandchildren; fifty-five great-grandchildren and twenty great-great grandchildren.

Charlie is preceded in death by his wife Dora who passed away in 1981; one son, C.M. Phipps, who passed away in 1976 and three great-grandchildren.

Pallbearers are: Wendell Williams and Mike Phipps, Lubbock; Gary Phipps, Hereford; Coy Jameson, Friona; Gregg Collier, Lake Jackson, Texas; Lynn Phipps, Clovis, New Mexico; William C. Bandy, Amarillo and Kent Ferguson, Fort Worth.

Honorary pallbearers are: Tex Phipps, Temple; Wade Jameson, Fort Worth; Trey Collier, Salt Lake City, Utah; Mark Phipps, Grand Junction, Colorado and Chris Houlette, Friona.



WELCOME ABOARD. The First Texas Federal Land Bank Association is pleased to announce that Russell Brown has accepted a position as loan officer trainee. He will be working out of the Muleshoe office. Russell is a 1988 graduate of Muleshoe High School, a Navy veteran and a 1997 graduate of Texas A&M. Stop by and say hello.

Mrs. Owens Is Buried Wednesday

Memorial services for Idella Owens, 83, longtime Bovina resident, were held Wednesday at First Baptist Church of Bovina with Rev. Jim Peabody, pastor of the Pleasant Hill Baptist Church of Pleasant Hill, New Mexico, officiating.

Burial was in Friona Cemetery under the direction of Ellis-Blackwell Funeral Home.

Mrs. Owens died September 22, 1997 at Farwell Convalescent Center. She was born September 28, 1913 in Seymour and married Jim Owens on September 15, 1934 in Clovis, New Mexico. He died November 21, 1990.

She was a member of the First Baptist Church of Bovina and kept the church nursery for many years. She was a member of the Bovina Senior Citizens and the Bovina Thrifty Club.

She had been a resident of Farwell Convalescent Center for the past two years moving there from Bovina where she had lived since 1934.

Survivors include one son, Don Owens of Seminole; one daughter, Bertha L. Kelley of Texico, New Mexico; seven grandchildren; and fourteen great-grandchildren.

County SWCD Sets Director Election

An election of a Soil and Water Conservation District director to serve zone five on the Parmer County Soil and Water Conservation District #140 is scheduled for October 7, 1997 in Wilbur Ellis at Clay's Corner, M.C. Osborn, chairman of the board, announced. The election will be at 9 a.m.

State law decrees that to be eligible to vote in a Soil and Water Conservation District director election, a person must own agricultural land within the district where the election is being held. The person must also live in a county all or part of which is in the district and the voter must be eighteen years of age or older.

Legal qualifications state that a candidate for the office of a Soil and Water Conservation District must own land in the subdivision he or she represents, be eighteen years of age or older and be actively engaged in farming or ranching. The candidate must also live in a county all or part of which is in the district. Soil and Water Conservation District directors serve four-year terms of office.

Zone five of the district includes all land in the Midway and the Lazbuddie school district, the same of which is now the Lazbuddie school district since their recent combination.

Current members of the board of directors of the Parmer County Soil and Water Conservation District are M.C. Osborn, chairman; Troy Christian, vice-president; Kevin Welch, secretary; Mike Beauchamp, member and

Practices For Living Xmas Tree

Practices are being held now every Sunday, from 4-5 p.m., at the Friona United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall for the 1997 Living Christmas Tree performances.

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TEMPERATURES

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Saturday, 9-20, 55-46;
Sunday, 9-21, 58-48;
Monday, 9-22, 71-54;
Tuesday, 9-23, 63-47;
Wednesday, 9-24, 70-47;
Thursday, 9-25, 80-53.

Mike Miller, member.

The purpose of the Parmer County Soil and Water Conservation district with headquarters in Friona, is to promote sound soil and water conservation programs on agricultural lands within the district and to serve as a voice for farmers, ranchers and local community entities on conservation matters.

The district board of directors coordinate the conservation efforts of various local, state and federal agencies and other organizations. The district has the authority to enter into working agreements with these governmental agencies and private concerns to carry out its purposes.

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Friona Football Contest Standings

Out of a possible 54 points, here are the point leaders through Week 3 of the Friona Football Contest. There are 10 weeks and a potential of 180 points left.

Contestants with less than 32 total points are not shown here, but all contestants' totals are posted in the Star office. Any questions about the contest call us at 247-2211.

41-Lisa Reed.
39-Wayne Amstutz, Eddie Gauna, Donita Martin, Tho-mas Reed, Mitchell Smiley, Mark Zachary.

38-Cindy Carthel, Colby Carthel, Joy Morton, Kevin Wiseman, Jimmy Walker.

37-Josh Burleson, John Crozier, Mac Fields, Daniel Hernandez, Juan Hernandez, Landon Martin, Chad Rhodes.

36-Raul Brailiff, Kade Carthel, Martha Clements, Tim Elmore, Jennifer Gon zales, Dee King, Mal

Man-chee, Donnie McDonald, Rusty McFarland, Tyson Neill, Larry Rogers, John Seright, Don Spring, Don Max Vars.

35-Sandra Berend, Rick Carr, Cliff Daniel, Steve Foster, Jerry Gossett, Glenna Holt, Mike Hutson, Lance Looper, Clint Mears, Shirley Steinbock, Greg Venhaus, Bobby Wied.

34-Scott Brown, Sherry Carr, Lance Field, Roger Fields, Carmella Hernandez, Jerry Hinkle, Myrtle Melton, Mark Neill, Francisco Torres, Troy White, Veca White.

33-Mark Blankenship, Claire Brown, Courtney Carthel, Jack Clark, Rhonda Crozier, Eugene Ellis, Jon Field, Violet Finley, Marc Haile, Dario Hernandez, Kent Patterson, Mike Raymond, Martha Rodriguez, Elizabeth Torres.

32-Doug Carthel, Sally Puttman, Leslee Redwine, Leola Summerlin, Eufemia Torres.

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| 2 | 163 | \$ 125 | 92 |
| 3 | 188 | 206 | 130 |
| 4 | 226 | 231 | 154 |
| 5 | 251 | 268 | 198 |
| 6 | 288 | 294 | 214 |
| 7 | 313 | 330 | 267 |
| 8 | 356 | 356 | 293 |
| 9 | 382 | 399 | 337 |
| 10 | 425 | 425 | 363 |
| 11 | 451 | 468 | 406 |
| 12 | 494 | 494 | 432 |
| 13 | 520 | 537 | 475 |
| 14 | 563 | 563 | 501 |
| 15 * | 589 | 606 | 544 |

* Add \$ 43 for each additional household member if the household size exceeds 15 persons.

4. Liquid resource(s) asset(s) cannot exceed \$ 1,000.00. The equity value of a car greater than \$ 1,500.00 is counted against the \$ 1,000.00 limit. Personal property exempt under Texas Law and homestead are exempt asset(s).
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6. Applicants must provide all requested information.
7. Applicants must apply for any other program for which they are potentially eligible. The Hospital District is payor of last resort.
8. Applicants have the right to appeal adverse decisions. Applications can be made anytime between January 1 and December 31.

Dated: September 17, 1997

NOTICIA PUBLICO

DISTRITO DE PARMER COUNTY HOSPITAL

EL DISTRITO DE PARMER COUNTY HOSPITAL USARA LOS ACOMPAÑAMIENTOS REGULACIONES PARA OBEDECER LA RESPONSABILIDAD A PROVEER CUIDADO SALUD PARA PACIENTES INDIGENTES QUIEN SIN PODER MANTENER TRATAMIENTOS DE CUIDADO SALUD Y SERVICIOS.

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Dated: September 17, 1997

Tamara Hand, Phillip Stewart United In Church Ceremony

Tamara Dawn Hand became the bride of Phillip Donald Stewart at 7 p.m. Saturday, August 9 at Fuller Garden in Fort Worth Botanic Gardens.

Leon Talley, minister of Sixth Street Church of Christ of Friona, was the officiant.

Gary and Gail Hand, 1304 West Eighth Street, Friona, are parents of the bride. The groom's parents are Ronnie and Bonnie Stewart, 6649 Sparta Road, Belton, Texas.

Trista Stallings, Lubbock, was her sister's matron of honor. Another sister, Tania Hand of Friona, was the maid of honor. Other bridal attendants were Shawn Cole Smith of Lake Worth, Texas, Jennifer Smith of Lubbock and Karen Bottoms of Abilene.

The bride's attendants wore identical gowns of black and white satin-backed crepe designed with shirred bodices and halter necklines. They carried bouquets of wild flowers tied with tulle and satin love knots and

matching streamers.

Angelica Dickson, daughter of Ryan and Lyrae Dickson of Fort Worth was the flower girl. The ring bearer was Chase Hamilton, son of Mark and Cari Dennis of Southlake, Texas, cousin of the bride.

Ronnie Stewart was his son's best man. Groomsmen were Ron Stewart, Jr. and Jake Stewart of Belton, brothers of the groom, Billy Stewart of Fort Worth, uncle of the groom, and Kevin Bartz of San Marcos, Texas.

Terrin Phillips of North Richland Hills presented vocal selections which included "Somewhere In The World," "I Will Be Here" and "Years From Here."

Guests were seated by Boone and Bowie Hand, cousins of the bride, Trey and Cody Stewart, cousins of the groom, Justin Richter, Michael Cole and Tommy Stallings, brother-in-law of the bride. The guest and program attendant was Jennifer Paty of Sweetwater.

All participants in the ceremony arrived in a horse-drawn carriage, which was lavishly decorated with fresh spring flowers.

As the bride was escorted across a bridge and down a stone path by her father and presented in marriage by her parents, she wore a white delustered satin gown, which had been worn by her sister, Trista Stallings. It was designed with a basque waist bodice which featured a sheer yoke inset and halter neckline and was lavishly adorned with hand-beaded Battenburg lace.

The bouffant skirt was embellished with multiple cut-outs of Battenburg lace trimmed with pearls and sequins. The full cathedral length train was enhanced with a graceful Battenburg lace back peplum accented with a fabric rose at the center waist. Her fitted Battenburg lace gauntlets ended at points over her hands.

Her shoulder length veil of illusion was adorned with pearls and attached to a tiara of lace re-embroidered with pearls and sequins. She carried an arrangement of red roses, stargazer lilies, white daisies, purple larkspur and English ivy.

The ceremony was held in a garden setting with a gazebo and a fish pond with running waterfalls in the background.

Immediately following the ceremony, Mr. and Mrs. Stewart were honored with a reception in the Leonard Courtyard of Fort Worth Botanic Gardens.

The groom's table was covered with a floor length damask cloth with an ivory damask overlay. It featured a silver footed compote which held melon shells on graduated tiers filled with fresh fruit. The fruit stack was adorned with fresh English ivy and baby's breath and was served with homemade cheese crackers. Both tables were also decorated with Precious Moment figurines.

Melissa Hare of Friona, cousin of the bride, and Jennifer Paty of Sweetwater presided at the serving table.

Mr. and Mrs. Stewart left the scene of the wedding in the horse-drawn carriage.

The bride is a 1992 graduate of Friona High School and a 1996 graduate of Abilene Christian University, where she received a Bachelor's Degree in exercise science. She is employed by Sunbelt National Mortgage in Arlington.

The groom, a 1994 graduate of Belton High School, is currently pursuing a nursing degree at Texas Christian University and is employed by Busybody Fitness Warehouse.

After a wedding trip to Cancun, Mexico, the couple is at home at 8429 Cloverglenn, Fort Worth.



Mr. and Mrs. Phillip Stewart

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Bovina FB Contest Standings

Here are the total point standings after three weeks in the Bovina Blade Business Football Contest. Out of a potential 48 points, the leaders are:

- 37-Cameron Charles and Jessica Stowers.
- 36-Gilda Garner and Adam Mejia.
- 35-Bobby Johnson, Jeanne Kerby, David Miles, Carmen Porras, Robert Tapia, George J. Villarreal and Frances Willard.
- 34-Jason Kerby, Travis Lockmiller, Donnie McDonald, Luis Mejia and A.M. Wilson.
- 33-Martin Gonzales, Tyson Kerby, Kay Roach, Jerry Sherbon and George L. Villarreal.
- 32-Josh Kerby, Susan Kerby, Donnie McDonald, Jan Smith, Don Spring, Levi Steelman, Christen Stowers and Angela Villarreal.
- 31-Denise Anderson, Blake Clements, Daniel Hernandez, Frances Johnson, Mike Raymond.
- 30-Ronnie Cary, Bernardo Cervantes, Doug Johnson, Walter Kessler, J.T. Roach, Jerry Roach, Stacy Roach, Kenny Sherbon, Luke Steelman, Dorothy Stowers, Del Ray Sudderth, Glendon Sudderth, Dean Stanberry.
- 29-Carol Cervantes, Danny Harris, Jake Steelman, Blake Sudderth and Janie Sudderth.
- 28-Tomas Fuentes, Becky Johnson, Janie Sherbon, Eufemia Torres, Francisco Torres

- 27-Al Kerby Jr., Deborah Raymond, Virginia Steele, Linda Sudderth and Liz Torres.
- 26-Jo Blackwell, Dorothy Harris, Flossie Rhinehart.
- 25-Phillip Johnson, Chris Shuffburger
- 24-Joe Harris and Roy Lee Stowers
- 23-Greg Elliott and Leonor Espinosa.
- 22-Will Bell and Peggy Hargrove.
- 21-Frank Galvan Jr., Matt Hromas, Joe Olvera and Gary Rodgers.
- 20-Flois Saddler.
- 19-Teresa Cary, Mike Olvera, Scott Sudderth and Nicki Villarreal.
- 18-Joseph M. Olvera.
- 17-Virgie Cary and Robert Olvera.
- 14-Celeste Olvera.
- 12-J.R. Bates.
- 11-Jerry Birdsong, Michelle Gonzales and Andy Stormes.
- 10-Deena Lucero, Scott Sims and Jeff Steelman
- 9-Bill Clark and Woot Sudderth.
- 8-Lisa Lane, Luis Ramirez and Gaylon Rhodes.
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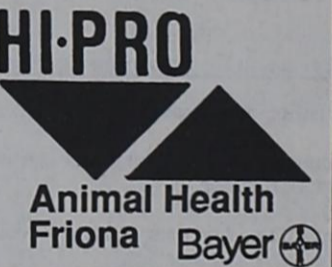
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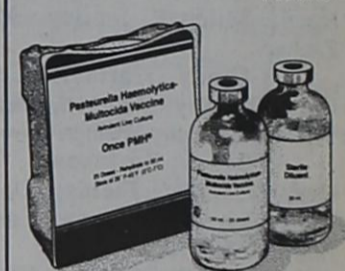
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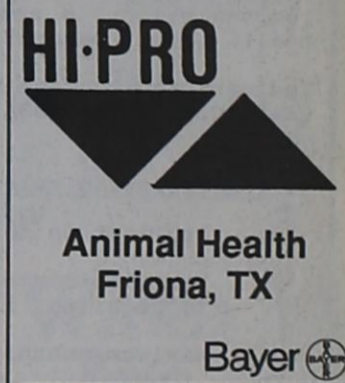
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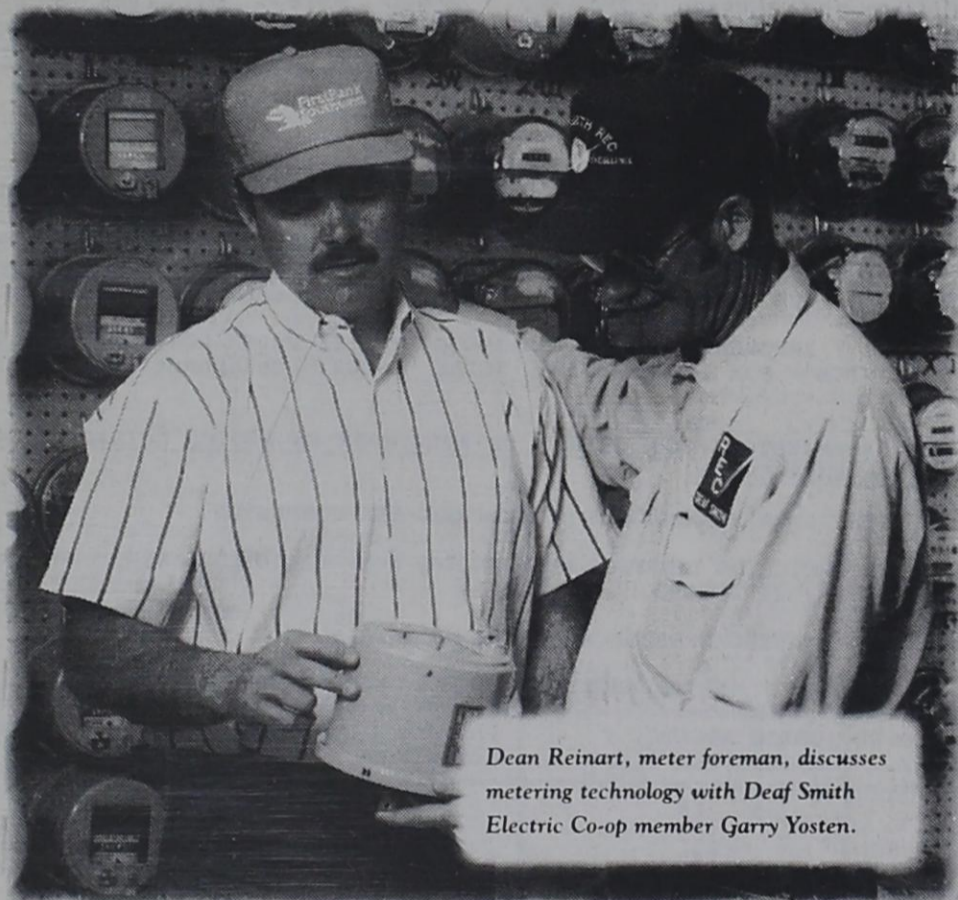
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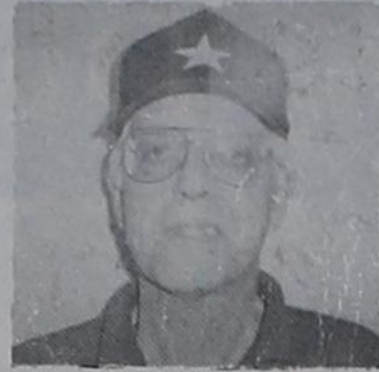
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Out Here

By RON CARR



How much is a human life worth? I'm sometimes troubled by that question.

It seems to come up often. Comedians write a lot of material about Dr. Kervorkian, whose name has become synonymous with death through assisted suicide.

Most people, if asked, would put life first without hesitation. Consider the pro-life vs. abortion issue. It is a debate that will never have a solution.

Even if the federal government enacted a law making abortions illegal they would not stop. Legislating morals and basic human instincts does not work.

And in my opinion, individual moral behavior is not a federal function. If government intervention in our daily lives spreads, no doubt someday using common sense in public will be outlawed.

"Halt! FBI. We just saw you exhibit individual good judgement right out here in the open. You're under arrest!"

What's the value of life? It is a question preachers try to answer every Sunday. It is a dilemma played out daily in hospitals across the world.

Traffic accidents and criminal or domestic violence leave victims on life support, clinically dead. Families are forced to make life decisions. It is a cruel irony.

I have often wondered why it is that if an individual wants to take their own life, the rest of us go to great lengths to prevent it. Why, really, do we prolong lives so fiercely?

Is it because death is so final? We think that the desire to die is a temporary emotional aberration and the person does not realize the consequences so we must save them from themselves.

Do we think that as long as we can keep terminally ill people barely alive, a miracle may happen for them?

Families often destroy themselves, spending all their material assets to keep a loved one legally alive, for seemingly unending years.

Yet history has shown that life can be cheap. Millions and millions of lives have been lost in places like Cambodia, Russia, Central and Southern Africa. We will never be allowed to forget the Holocaust where 6 million Jews were murdered.

Today in Algiers, rebels are raiding towns and killing 200-300 villagers at a time. Jews, Palestinians, and Arabs have been killing each other for centuries. To a suicide bomber, life is no more important than warm spit.

I believe we have a right to live as long as we can. I also believe we should have the right to die. Peacefully and with as much dignity as possible.

I do not believe in killing people but I do support a person's right to choose death over agony and suffering.

Which brings me back to the original question. How much is a human life worth?

Discussing life and death is in the same category as sex, politics, and religion. Emotions can run high.

Here in America, very often a life is evaluated in dollars. Lawyers have managed to escalate the value of death far beyond what a life may have been worth had the person lived.

On August 16, 1993, Gregorio Gutierrez, 43, his wife Maria, 34, and 13-year-old son Greg, Jr., died in a grinding collision with a Burlington Northern Santa Fe Corp. train. Their 1984 Mercury was struck broadside and crushed.

The accident occurred around 8 a.m. at a grade crossing about a mile west of Friona. Mr. Gutierrez was employed at a truck wash located on the other side of the tracks. There were no bells or signals at the dirt crossing.

Some say the early morning sun could have blinded him so that he didn't see the train.

The engineer and the conductor said the train's whistle blew as they approached the crossing.

Witnesses said they only heard the noise of the crash followed by the screeching of the train's emergency brakes--but no whistle.

One of those witnesses, Jim Atwell of Friona, was at work on his farm adjacent to the truck wash. He said he did not hear a train whistle.

Last week he testified to that fact in El Paso. The couple's parents and their three surviving children had filed suit against the railroad.

In an ironic sense, the family was lucky Jim Atwell was already at work that morning.

Those who know him can attest to Jim's honesty and integrity. He is a hard worker, a family guy to whom a handshake or a commitment still means something. (That ought to get him some pretty good "ribbing" around town. Sorry Jim.)

If he says he didn't hear a whistle, you can take it to the bank. Which is what the defense lawyers did. They flew Jim to El Paso, he testified, they flew him home.

His was not the only testimony in the trial. The defense called him near the end. Smart move, I guess.

Maybe you missed the small article on page 7A of last Sunday's Amarillo Globe. The headline read: "Railroad to Appeal \$60 million Verdict." An El Paso County jury found the railroad grossly negligent in failing to sound a whistle to warn the Gutierrez family of the train's approach.

Money can never replace the loss of parents for the three surviving children. Money cannot replace loved one's for any of us.

On the other hand, money can make the future

better, more secure. Money can be used to replace the loss of earning potential caused by the death of the breadwinner in the family.

I wonder what the \$60 million verdict was based on. Seems to me there has to be some yardstick by which the value of a life is measured. If all life is precious, and it is, why are some deaths worth more than others?

No one reading this column can prove that their lifetime earning potential is \$60 million. So what criteria does a jury use? Vengeance? Naked emotion? Sympathy?

Money makes the lawyers really happy. How much better does it get in the lawyer game than an unmarked train crossing, three deaths, and no whistle. It is the kind of case that makes a lawyer pucker.

The appeals will take time. Chances are that an out of court settlement will be made. Life will go on. At least some will.

How much is a human life worth? I have no idea why one is worth \$60 million and another is not worth a wad of belly button lint.

But that's what I like about life. It is so darn stupid, it keeps life interesting.

I don't answer the questions, I just ask 'em.

Flu Shots Are Urged; Especially For Elderly

The Texas Department of Health (TDH) urges all Texans to get yearly flu vaccinations. The experts also warn that the elderly and others who may be at high risk of influenza and its complications should be immunized even before the flu season begins.

The flu season usually lasts from December through April.

The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) each year predicts which strains of influenza pose the greatest public health danger in the U.S.

The vaccine CDC has recommended for the 1997-98 season is meant to combat the A/Wuham, A/Bayern and B/Beijing strains of the disease. The effectiveness of each year's shots declines with time, therefore, annual immunizations with the appropriate vaccines are recommended for everyone except people with serious allergies to eggs.

People most at risk of severe or fatal complications of the disease include those 65 or older, anyone with chronic respiratory or heart problems, diabetics and children on aspirin therapy.

Influenza kills about 20,000 in the U.S. each year. According to Jim Schuermann, public health technician in the TDH Infectious Disease Epidemiology and Surveillance Division, the elderly are the group hardest hit by influenza and its complications.

"Fewer than 30 per cent of elderly Americans and others in high-risk groups heed our regular warnings to have yearly influenza vaccinations," he said. "We know that one reason some older people fail to be vaccinated is because of a persistent, unfounded fear that the vaccine can actually cause influenza."

The truth is that a vaccinated person may still contract some strains of influenza, but not from the vaccine. If they do become ill with flu, the vaccine usually helps lessen the severity of the case.

Other categories of people who are most likely to develop influenza complications are:

*Adults and children with chronic heart or lung disorders, including children with asthma.

*People under medical care for chronic metabolic diseases, diabetes, kidney or blood problems or weakened immune systems.

*Children (18 and younger) who already are receiving long-term aspirin therapy, which can place them at risk of developing Reye's syndrome after influenza.

"We strongly recommend influenza vaccinations for all people in high-risk groups, international travelers or pregnant women," Schuermann advised. "People infected with the human immunodeficiency (the virus which causes AIDS) also may be at increased risk for flu complications."

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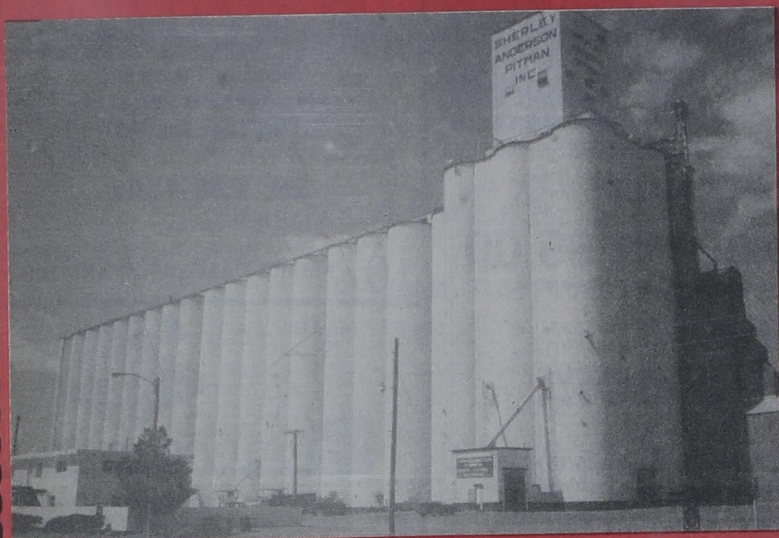
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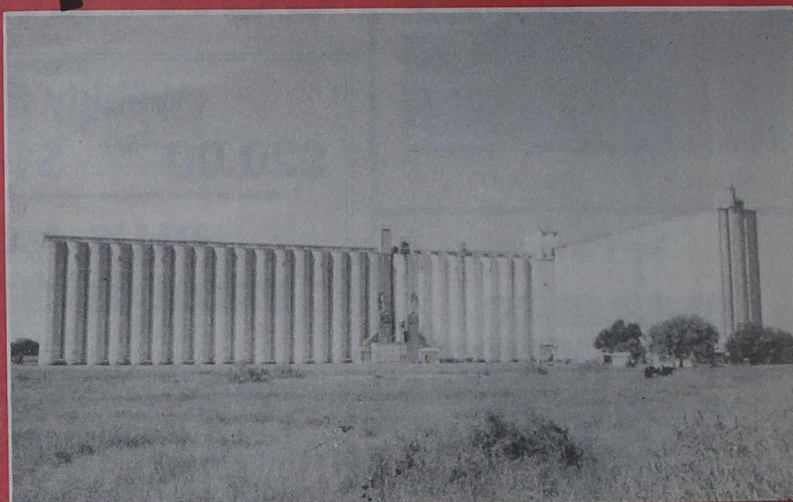
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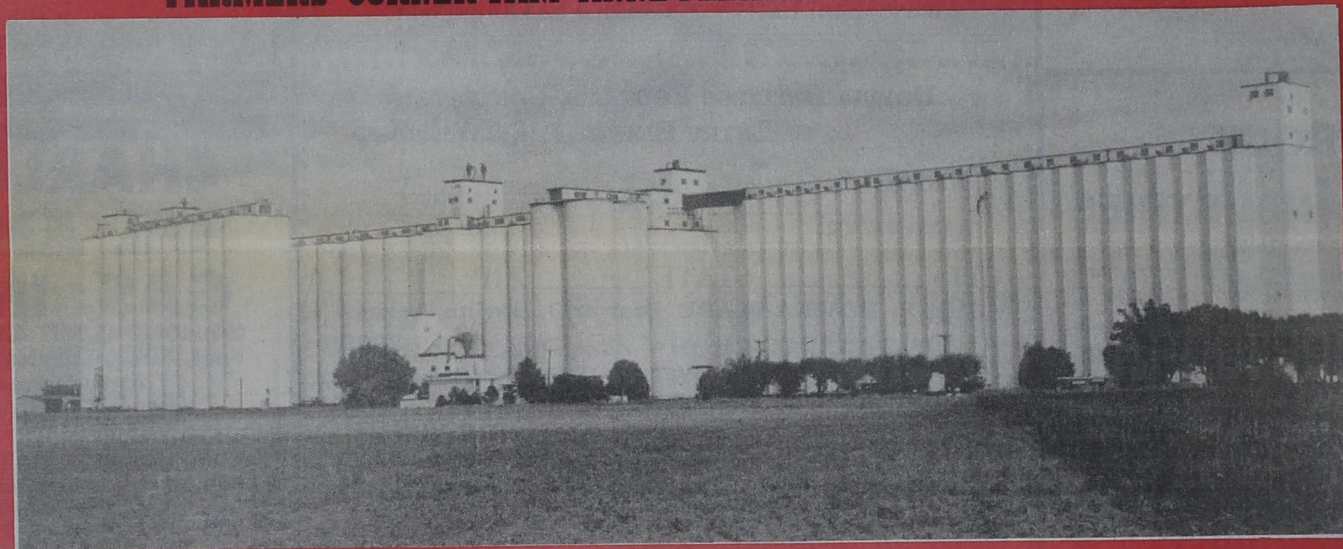


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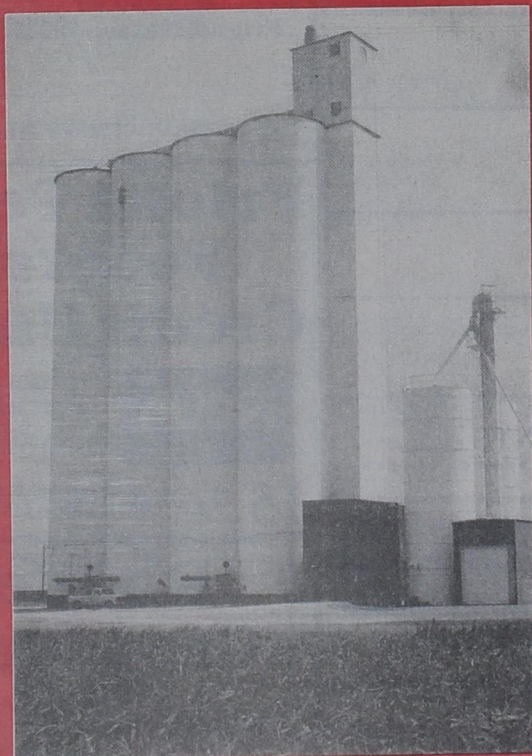


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